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COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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February 4, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

S. 2483, the National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act of 2007, is a collection of 56 separate legislative measures under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Forty-five consist of the text of separate bills passed by the House of Representatives, nine are drawn from separate subtitles of another House-passed bill, and one is a House-passed concurrent resolution. Only one provision, section 482, contains new matter that has not passed the House of Representatives. A complete list of the House bills (and their Senate companion measures, where they exist) was printed in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2007, at pages S15474-S15475.

I assembled the 56 measures into a single bill in order to facilitate their consideration by the Senate. Although S. 2483 was placed on the Calendar without referral to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, most of the House bills that make up S. 2483 have been reported, or ordered reported, by the Committee.

Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate provides that, before proceeding to the consideration of a bill, the chairman of the committee of jurisdiction must certify that each congressionally designated spending item in the bill and the name of the Senator requesting it has been identified and posted on a publicly accessible website. The term "congressionally designated spending item" is broadly defined, in pertinent part, to include "a provision ... included primarily at the request of a Senator ... authorizing ... a specific amount of discretionary budget authority ... for ... expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process."

Ten of the House-passed bills incorporated into S. 2483 contain provisions authorizing the appropriation of specific amounts targeted to specific entities or localities. These authorizations are included in S. 2483 because they are part of the House-passed text. No Senator submitted a request to me to include them.

Hon. Harry Reid  
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In the interest of furthering the transparency and accountability of the legislative process, however, I have posted a list of the specific authorizations in S. 2483 on the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' website. The list includes the name of the principal sponsor of the Senate companion measure that corresponds to the House-passed bill. A copy of the list is attached for your convenience.

In addition, I have asked the principal sponsor of the Senate companion measure of each House bill contained in S. 2483 to certify that neither the Senator nor the Senator's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the item, and have posted the certifications on the Committee's website. All certifications received by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule XLIV are posted on the Committee's website as soon as practicable after they are received in accordance with paragraph 6(b).

Thus, in accordance with Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby certify that each congressionally directed spending item in S. 2483 has been identified through a list and that the list was posted on the Committee's publicly accessible website at approximately 2:30 p.m. on February 4, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bingaman", is written over the printed name and title.

Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman

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**S. 2483  
THE NATIONAL FORESTS, PARKS, PUBLIC LAND, AND RECLAMATION  
ACT OF 2007**

Provisions in S. 2483 authorizing appropriations in a specific amount for expenditure with or to an entity or targeted to a specific State, locality, or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process:

<u>enate bill Section</u>	<u>Program or entity</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
333(e)	American Latino Museum Commission	DC	Salazar
334(j)	Hudson-Fulton and Champlain Commissions	NY & VT	Clinton
342(f)	Lewis & Clark Visitor Center	NE	Hagel
409	Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area	VA	Warner
430	Niagara Falls National Heritage Area	NY	Schumer
449	Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area	IL	Durbin
461	Multiple National Heritage Areas	OH, PA, MA, SC WV, TN, GA, IA, & NY	Voinovich none
504(d)	Watkins Dam	UT	Hatch
505	New Mexico water planning assistance	NM	Domenici
509	Multiple Oregon water projects	OR	Smith/Wyden
511	Eastern Municipal Water District	CA	Feinstein
512	Inland Empire & Cucamonga water projects	CA	Feinstein
513	Bay Area water recycling program	CA	Feinstein

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**S. 2483 – NATIONAL FORESTS, PARKS, PUBLIC LAND, AND  
RECLAMATION PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Edward Kennedy

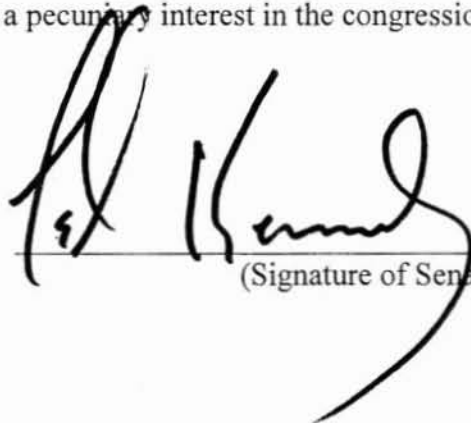
For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 312. Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment, Massachusetts

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To modify the boundaries of Lowell National Historical Park to include 5 parcels of land identified on the referenced map.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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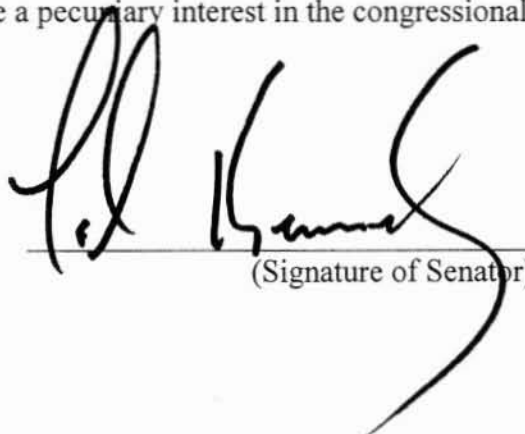
For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 326. Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resource Study

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of certain historic sites in Taunton, Massachusetts for potential designation as a unit of the National Park System.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

  
(Signature of Senator)

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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Ken Salazar

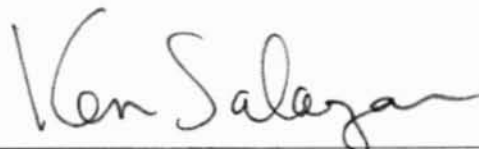
For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 333. Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of  
the American Latino

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To establish a Commission to study the potential creation of a National Museum  
of the American Latino.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 334. Hudson – Fulton – Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration  
Commissions.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To establish a commission to commemorate the anniversary of the voyages of  
Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton and a commission to celebrate the anniversary  
of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that to the extent of my knowledge neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Charles Schumer

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 336. Ellis Island Library Designation

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To designate the Ellis Island Library as the Bob Hope Memorial Library.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

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(Signature of Senator)



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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Chuck Hagel

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 342. Land Conveyance, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Nebraska

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without consideration, two parcels of land to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

  
(Signature of Senator)

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S. 2483 – NATION  
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IZATION ACT

Name of the Senator requesti

d spending item:

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 361, National Underground Railroad Network

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize appropriations for the National Underground Railroad Network.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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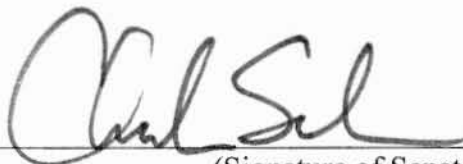
For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Title IV, Subtitle B. Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, New York.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To designate the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

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(Signature of Senator)

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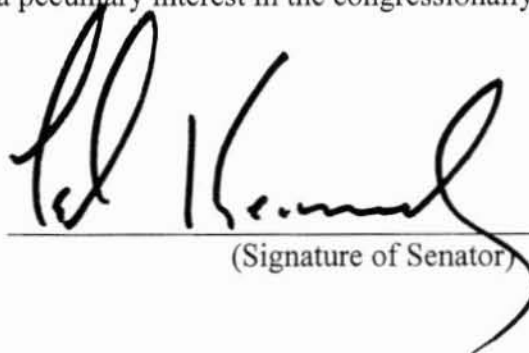
For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Title IV, Subtitle D. Increased authorization for Essex National Heritage,  
Massachusetts

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To increase the authorization for the Essex National Heritage Area in  
Massachusetts.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Kennedy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

(Signature of Senator)